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EXDIS - FOR THE AMBASSADOR

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PLOS, ENGR, UK, FR, UR

SUBJECT: CELTIC SEA AND CHANNEL ISLANDS ARBITRATION  
DECISION, UK AND FRANCE

REFS: A) PARIS 22409; B) ANKARA 5803

1. US AND USSR ARE BOTH USING 1867 CONVENTION LINE AS  
OUTSIDE LIMIT FOR RESPECTIVE ENFORCEMENT OF FISHERIES  
JURISDICTION IN BERING SEA. WE ARE NOT CERTAIN WHETHER  
SOVIETS REGARD THIS AS PERMANENT SOLUTION APPLICABLE TO  
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CONTINENTAL SHELF AS WELL. WE DO. ALTHOUGH WE HAVE NO  
INFORMATION TO THIS EFFECT, PRELIMINARY ANALYSIS OF REF A  
INDICATES THAT SUBJECT ARBITRATION AWARD COULD TEMPT  
SOVIETS TO TRY TO PUSH LINE TOWARD US SIDE. WE WOULD BE  
UNDER IMMENSE PRESSURE TO RESIST. WE NEED NOT STRESS  
THE IMPORTANCE OF TRYING TO AVOID A US-USSR BOUNDARY  
DISPUTE.

2. RECOMMEND YOU TAKE APPROPRIATE STEPS TO ENSURE THAT  
EMBASSY PERSONNEL DO NOT RPT NOT ENGAGE IN ANY DISCUSSION  
OF ANY OFFSHORE DELIMITATION QUESTIONS WITH SOVIETS AT  
PRESENT TIME, OR DISCUSS RELEVANCE OF UK-FRANCE ARBITRAL  
AWARD TO ANY OTHER OFFSHORE DELIMITATION SITUATION.FYT IF  
ISSUE RAISED BY SOVIETS, OUR POSITION WOULD BE THAT MATTER

IS SETTLED BETWEEN US ON BASIS OF 1867 CONVENTION LINE AND  
NOTES AT START OF YEAR. END FYI. CHRISTOPHER

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